

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to be in the form as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method of automatic execution of an application on a receiving station (109), comprising
receiving a signal (102) comprising a plurality of streams, each stream being associated with a channel on the receiving station (109) and comprising a content portion (103, 104, 105) and zero or more application portions (106, 107, 108),
receiving a channel selection from a user,
displaying the content portion (103, 104, 105) of the stream associated with the selected channel, and
when execution of applications is enabled, executing an application present in the application portion (106, 107, 108), if any, of the stream associated with the selected channel, characterized in that

execution of applications the application of the stream associated with the channel is disabled in response to a the user selecting a the channel, and

execution of applications the application of the stream associated with the channel is enabled in response to the occurrence of an enabling event, indicating that the user is actively viewing the selected channel.

2. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a timer is reset in response to any user interaction with the receiving station (109), and the enabling event comprises the timer reaching a predetermined timeout value.

3. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the enabling event comprises erasing an on-screen display element (202, 203, 204) from a display system (200).

4. (original) A method as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the on-screen display element (202, 203, 204) is an identifier (202) for the current channel.

5. (original) A method as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the on-screen display element (202, 203, 204) is the last of a plurality of on-screen display elements being displayed.

6. (currently amended) A receiving station (109), comprising
a receiving unit (205) for receiving a signal (102)
comprising a plurality of streams, each stream being associated with a channel on the receiving station (109) and comprising a content portion (103, 104, 105) and zero or more application portions (106, 107, 108),

a selection unit (206) for receiving a channel selection from a user,

a display control unit (207) for displaying the content portion (103, 104, 105) of the stream associated with the selected channel, and

an execution unit (208) for determining if execution of applications is enabled, and if so, executing an application present in the application portion (106, 107, 108), if any, of the stream associated with the selected channel,
characterized in that

the execution unit (208) is arranged to disable execution of ~~applications~~ the application of the stream associated with

the channel in response to a the user selecting a the channel,
and

the execution unit (208) is arranged to enable execution of ~~applications~~ the application of the stream associated with the channel in response to the occurrence of an enabling event, indicating that the user is actively viewing the selected channel.

7. (original) A receiving station (109) as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the receiving station (109) comprises a timer (209), arranged to be reset in response to any user interaction with the receiving station (109), and the enabling event comprises the timer (209) reaching a predetermined timeout value.
8. (original) A receiving station (109) as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the receiving station (109) comprises an on-screen display unit (201), and the enabling event comprises the on-screen display unit (201) erasing an on-screen display element (202, 203, 204) from a display system (200).
9. (original) A receiving station (109) as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the on-screen display element (202, 203, 204) is an identifier for the current channel (202).
10. (original) A receiving station (109) as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the on-screen display element (202, 203, 204) is the last of a plurality of on-screen display elements being displayed by the on-screen display unit (201).

11. (new) A method, comprising

receiving a signal at a receiving station, the signal comprising a plurality of streams, a plurality of the streams each being associated with a different respective channel of the receiving station, one or more streams comprising respective content portions and one or more streams comprising a respective application portions;

receiving user input of a channel selection,

displaying the content portion, if any, of the stream associated with the selected channel, and

depending on a period of time without user input following the channel selection, executing an application present in the application portion, if any, of the stream associated with the selected channel.

12. (new) A receiving station , comprising

a receiving unit for receiving a signal comprising a plurality of streams, a plurality of streams each being associated with a channel of the receiving station, one of more of the streams each comprising a different respective content portion, one or more of the streams each comprising a different respective application portion,

a selection unit for receiving user input including a channel selection,

a display control unit for displaying the content portion of the stream, if any, associated with the selected channel, and

an execution unit for executing an application present in the application portion , if any, of the stream associated with the selected channel, depending on a period of time without user input following the channel selection.

13. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein execution of all applications is disabled in response to the user selecting the channel.

14. (new) the receiving station of claim 6 wherein the execution unit is arranged to disable execution of all applications in response to the user selecting the channel.